

# Snapper Snippet #1 | 2017

## Updates to the TB Risk Assessment (512)

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### Two areas of the TB Risk Assessment 512 form were updated

1. Demographic section, extreme right. The wording *“Last Live Vaccine”* has been added to this section. The directions for this completing this section is found under Section IV. Actions on the reverse side of the form.
  - a. “NOTE: TST and IGRA should not be done within 6 weeks of a live viral vaccine” has been added
  - b. **Rational for Change:** Several children and adults have been given a TST or IGRA within 4 weeks of their last live vaccine. This additional wording will serve as a reminder to those completing the 512 that you must wait a minimum of 6 weeks after a live virus is given to administer a TST or draw an IGRA. A TST when given too soon may result in a “false” negative result and IGRAs done sooner than 6 weeks can result in an invalid result.
2. Section II. Screen for TB infection Risk:
  - a. Assess Risk for Acquiring LTBI the Patient....The second option previously read, “Has been in another country for 3 or more months – where TB is common, and has been in the US for < 5 years”. It now reads, *“lived in or visited another country where TB is common for 3 months or more, regardless of length of time in the U.S.”*
  - b. **Rational for Change:** For several years the recommendation from CDC to consider length of time in the United States for foreign born individuals has been under debate. The effort to officially change the wording has been stalled with an unknown date for publication. Virginia has decided to move forward with this change based on expert recommendation, Virginia data indicates that a majority of our TB cases from high risk countries and have been here more than 5 years.